

### **The Temptation Pt 2: The Lie & the Fall**

Gen 3 <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

\* **The Bible** connects Adam and Eve's temptation to Christ's temptation and to our temptations.

Lk 1 <sup>35</sup> "that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

Lk 3 <sup>38</sup> Adam, the son of God

Rom 8 <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

Heb 4 <sup>15</sup> [Jesus] was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

2Cor 11 <sup>3</sup> I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted

1Cor 10 1 all our fathers ... passed through the sea ... 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased ... 6 Now these things became our examples ... that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

\* **What this** means is that the fundamental nature of temptation does not \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **The one** speaking through the serpent is the \_\_\_\_\_.

Rev 12 <sup>9</sup> that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world

\* **For what** purpose does the devil quote God? (Gn 3.1)

Mat 4 <sup>5</sup> Then the devil ... set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone'" (quoting Ps 91.11-12) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God'" (quoting Dt 6.16).

\* **How is** the devil's technique used in our modern culture?

\* **How does** Eve respond, and how does it indicate she is moving away from God? (2-3)

\* **How does** the devil press his attack in vs 4-5?

Rom 8.28 God works all things together for good to those who love him

Prov 3.5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding

\* **Whose approach** does Eve follow? (6)

\* **How does** vs 6 surprise us regarding Adam?

\* **How is** the devil's approach to tempting Adam different from his approach to tempting Eve?

1Tm 2 <sup>14</sup> Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

\* **Why is** Adam's sin worse than Eve's?

Rom 5 <sup>12</sup> through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned ... <sup>15</sup> ... by the one man's offense many died ... <sup>17</sup> ... by the one man's offense death reigned ... <sup>18</sup> ... through one man's offense judgment came to all men ... <sup>19</sup> ... by one man's disobedience many were made sinners

Luke 4 <sup>5</sup> Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup> Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

\* **How does** the devil target Adam?

\* **How should** Adam and Eve have met these temptations so that they overcame them and defeated evil?

Exo 20 <sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup> You shall have no other gods before Me."

Deut 8 <sup>11</sup> "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God ... <sup>14</sup> ... who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; <sup>15</sup> who led you through that great and terrible wilderness ...; <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna ... that He might test you, to do you good in the end

\* **What are** some of the things that Adam & Eve knew that they should have remembered in the face of the devil's temptations?

1) They knew that God \_\_\_\_\_ the heavens and the earth and everything in them, all very good, and he sustained them all; none of which God needed to do.

Neh 9 <sup>5</sup> "Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise! <sup>6</sup> You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all."

2) They knew that God made them in his own \_\_\_\_\_ so they could know him as Father, and reflect his character, and rule over the earth in his name; none of which God needed to do; so it's not for him, it's for them.

Psalm 8 <sup>4</sup> "What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? <sup>5</sup> For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet."

3) They knew that God made them male & female for \_\_\_\_\_ as husband and wife, that he had joined them together in marriage, and that he had called them to participate in his creational work by having children, who would also be in the image of God; none of which God needed to do; so it's not for him, it's for them.

Gen 2 <sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man ... <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

4) They knew that God \_\_\_\_\_ the beautiful garden of Eden, that God fellowships with them there, and they have been given the tree of life and every other tree in the garden save one to freely eat from; none of which God needed to do; so it's not for him, it's for them.

Gen 2 <sup>8</sup> The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ... <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

5) They knew that the serpent was a beast of the field that was placed under their \_\_\_\_\_; & whoever was speaking through the serpent had established no track record of love & faithfulness, and certainly not one to compare with God's.

James 1 <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

James 1 <sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Deut 30 <sup>19</sup> "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup> that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days"